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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S EUROPEAN TRIP

1. THE FOLLOWING TEXT SHOULD BE PASSED TO MR. ORME
WILSON FOR INCLUSION IN GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S BRIEFING BOOK:

QUOTE: SOVIET MISCHIEF-MAKING USING THE ZIONISM ISSUE:

IN SEVERAL RECENT UN MEETINGS THE USSR HAS TRIED TO
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USE THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE TO EXACERBATE ARAB-ISRAELI
RELATIONS, TO PREVENT A SITUATION IN WHICH THE UNITED
STATES COULD RESUME PARTICIPATION IN A DECADE FOR ACTION
TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (WHICH IS

TARGETED ON APARTHEID), AND IN THIS WAY ISOLATE ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES IN UN FORUMS. THIS PUBLIC, OFFICIAL POSTURE OF SOVIET DELEGATIONS BEARS OUT THE SOVIET PROPAGANDA PLAY ON THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE SUCH AS APPEARED IN THE PUBLICATION "SOVETSKAY KUL'TURA" OF MAY 14. IN THIS PUBLICATION THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTION BRANDING ZIONISM AS A FORM OF RACISM IS DEFENDED AS HAVING BEEN FULLY JUSTIFIED.

UNESCO MEETING ON ACCESS TO CULTURE:

AT A UNESCO MEETING TO PREPARE A DRAFT RECOMMENDATION TO ENSURE DEMOCRATIC ACCESS TO CULTURE, WHICH WAS HELD IN PARIS APRIL 5-15, SOVIET EFFORTS WERE DIRECTED AT INCLUDING A PREAMBULAR AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT TEXT CITING "ZIONISM" AS ONE OF SEVERAL THREATS TO CULTURE. OUR PERMANENT DELEGATION TO UNESCO REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION WAS ACTIVE BEHIND-THE-SCENES IN PROMOTING ITS AMENDMENT REFERRING TO "ZIONISM" AND THAT THE SOVIET INITIATIVE CAME AS A SURPRISE, EVEN TO THE ARABS WHO HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED IN ADVANCE. EVENTUALLY, DUE TO PRESSURES EXERTED PRIVATELY, PRINCIPALLY BY AFRICAN DELEGATIONS AND THE SECRETARIAT, THE SOVIETS DROPPED THE WORD "ZIONISM" FROM THEIR AMENDMENT. THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION THAT WAS ADOPTED BY THE MEETING INCLUDED THE SOVIET PREAMBULAR AMENDMENT, MINUS "ZIONISM."

THE SPRING ECOSOC:

DURING THE 60TH SESSION OF ECOSOC, WHICH MET IN NEW YORK APRIL 13-MAY 6, THE PRINCIPAL AGENDA ITEM WAS THAT RELATING TO THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. DEBATE ON THIS ITEM LASTED ALMOST THREE WEEKS, BEGINNING ON APRIL 22, AND ENDED WITH THE ADOPTION OF TWO RESOLUTIONS. OUR DELEGATION TO ECOSOC REPORTED THE STRENUOUS EFFORTS MADE BY THE AFRICAN DELEGATIONS TO KEEP THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE OUT OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEBATE AND OUT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS. THE FIRST SPEAKER TO REFER TO THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE WAS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHO TOOK PART IN THE OPENING DEBATE ON APRIL 22. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON APRIL 27 THE SOVIETS, SUPPORTED BY THE GDR, WEIGHED IN TO KEEP THE ISSUE ALIVE AS THE RADICAL ARABS ROSE TO THE CHALLENGE. ON APRIL 28 THE BEYLORUSSIAN REPRESENTATIVE PRAISED THE ZIONISM-RACISM EQUATION. IN SPITE OF A LAST-MINUTE EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE ALGERIAN DELEGATION AT THE END OF THE DEBATE ON MAY 11 TO RAISE THE ISSUE, THE AFRICAN DELEGATIONS WERE SUCCESSFUL TO THE END IN WARDING OFF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WHICH WOULD HAVE INTRODUCED

THE ZIONISM-RACISM ISSUE INTO THEIR TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS. THIS SUCCESS WAS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN ATTRACTING ABSTENTION BY ALL WEO STATES ON ECOSOC, EXCEPT CANADA, IN THE FINAL VOTE ON THE TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS. (THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION OR VOTE.)

THE UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD, APRIL 26-MAY 26:

ALTHOUGH A UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD DOCUMENT REPORTING ON UNGA DEVELOPMENTS CONTAINED A REFERENCE TO GA RES. 3379 (THE ZIONISM-RACISM EQUATION), ACTIVE BEHIND-THE-SCENES EFFORTS BY THE UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL AND SKILLFUL HANDLING BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRMAN SUCCEEDED IN AVOIDING ANY DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER. NO SOVIET STATEMENT ON ZIONISM-RACISM WAS MADE.

THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL:

DURING THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE IN MAY ON THE EGYPTIAN COMPLAINT REGARDING ISRAELI ACTIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE MALIK ACCUSED THE ISRAELIS OF "RACIAL GENOCIDE" ON THE WEST BANK.

CONCLUSION:

RADICAL ARAB INTEREST IN PROMOTING THE ZIONISM-RACISM EQUATION HAS RECEIVED AND WILL CONTINUE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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RECEIVE ENTHUSIASTIC SOVIET ENDORSEMENT PUBLICLY AND WILL BE USED BY THE SOVIETS AS A SPOILING ELEMENT TO BE INTRODUCED INTO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS, DECLARATIONS AND OTHER SUCH INSTRUMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISOLATING THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL. AFRICAN INTEREST IN CUTTING THE LINK BETWEEN ZIONISM-RACISM AND THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AS EXEMPLIFIED BY APARTHEID WILL PROBABLY BE EFFECTIVE TO LIMIT THE SUCCESS OF SOVIET-RADICAL ARAB INITIATIVES IN THIS AREA. NEVERTHELESS, THE SOVIETS MAY BE COUNTED UPON TO PERSIST IN PLAYING ON A THEME WHICH IS CERTAIN TO SECURE AT LEAST RADICAL ARAB SUPPORT AND, IN THE ABSENCE OF VIGOROUS AND SKILLFUL AFRICAN LEADERSHIP, MAJORITY THIRD WORLD SUPPORT AS WELL. KISSINGER

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